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10 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, CS Historical Board

SUBJECT : Security in CS and CIA Historical Program

25X1A9a 1. Attached are memoranda from Dr. Ehrmann and Col. White which are self-explanatory. On 5 August, [REDACTED] showed me the DDP copy. I reviewed it and left a memo with Sam summarizing my views. While I did not retain a copy, the following is about what I said, keyed to Col. White's memo:

3a(1). This does not comprise an audit, but a semi-annual inventory. Present CS practice is a yearly inventory. We have agreed with C/CIA/HS that it would be feasible and desirable to take it every six months. C/CIA/HS has advised orally, however, that he plans to instruct the directorate historical officers to make a personal physical count semi-annually of the published papers held by each component. On occasion he and the DC/CIA/HS will participate. We have done this informally in the past on a spot basis ^{within} the CS to see whether and how records are kept. If it becomes a formalized ^{and regular} procedure it could generate problems in our relations with the components. Normally, certification of possession of Top Secret materials, or other registered documents has sufficed.

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3a(2). Reporting of readership was resumed by the CS in July. I question the necessity or desirability of providing C/CIA/HS and his deputy with the names of all CS readers. This could lead into sensitive areas and is a further intrusion into our compartmentation.

3b. This is in accordance with present CS instructions that all drafts be destroyed on publication of a history. If an extra copy could be justified, the component would be provided with another hard copy, not a draft.

3c. CS histories are normally published in two, occasionally three copies. No problem here.

2. General Comment: Past handling and control of some DDI and DDS histories have been quite casual, as I have gathered from discussions with their historical officers. These instructions will serve to tighten up their security. The guidelines present no problem for the CS, except for para 3a(2) as noted above.

3. C/CIA/HS plans, in accordance with Col. White's instructions, to compile and maintain a ^{master} list of all published histories, showing the location of all copies (as is done in the CS). The list of CS histories has

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been regarded as sensitive in the past by the CSHB. It was decided not to circulate the list to component chiefs for that reason. Under present policies and procedures governing the CS and CIA historical programs, however, I see no objection to C/CIA/HS and his deputy maintaining such a list.

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Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

Attachment:
Memoranda from
Dr. Ehrmann and Col. White